Photo Identity card to voters

1320. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission have decided to introduce Electronic Voting Machines and mandatory use of Photo Identity Cards in the recent assembly elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the task of issuing Photo Identity Cards to each entitled citizen has been completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Electronic Voting Machnies were used extensively and successfully during the previous General Elections to the Lok Sabha and certain Legislative Assemblies, viz., Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, NCT of Delhi and very recently Haryana and Orissa. Though the production of electors' Photo-Identity Cards at the time of voting has not been made mandatory so far, the Election Commission insisted upon their production or any specified alternative proof of identity during the recent elections to the Legislative Assembly of Haryana which State has been able to provide these cards to its 86.82% of electors. A Statement showing the status Report on progress of issue of electors' Photo Identity Cards in different States is enclosed. *(See* below). In this connection, it may be stated that the scheme of issue of electors' Photo Identity Cards is a continuous and ongoing scheme and, therefore, it is practically not possible to cover all the electors in the country under this scheme at any given point of time.

Statement

Election Commission of India As on 30.11.99 *Status Report in Progress of electors Photo Identity Cards*

States/Uts	Total Electors	Electors issued with Identity Cards	Percentage 4 as % of 3
Andhra Pradesh Oct. 99	49,140,231	32,568,406	66.28
Arunachal Pradesh May, 99	565,283	371,734	65.76
Assam May, 98	12,575,854	67,479	0.54

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Bihar April, 98	58,438,317	21,681,826	37.10
Goa Jan, 99	878,707	525,575	59.81
Gujarat Nov, 99	29,507,882	23,177,051	78.55
Haryana Oct, 99	10,998,748	9,549,245	86,82
Himachal Pradesh Nov., 99	3,740,172	2,653,669	70.95
Jammu and Kashmir	5,022,782	0	0.00
Karnataka Dec. 98	33,052,802	24,046,881	72.75
Kerala April, 99	21,152,899	15,327,431	72.46
Madhya Pradesh, Dec, 98	44,640,047	27,706,647	62.07
Maharashtra May, 99	56,173,068	44,261,305	78.79
Manipur July, 99	1,330,299	1,033,733	77.71
Meghalaya Sep.,98	1,157.450	644,140	55.65
Mizoram	441,844	0	0.00
Nagaland Dec, 98	925,831	625,996	67.61
Orissa Jan, 99	23,373,512	18,129,314	77.56
Punjab Oct., 99	15,677.459	10,803,963	68.91
Rajasthan Nov., 99	29,738,496	21,331,325	71.73
Sikkim July, 99	252,190	200,077	79.34
Tamil Nadu Oct, 99	45,577,323	24,834,054	734.49
Tripura May, 99	1,725,809	1,229,931	71.27
Uttar Pradesh Feb, 99	101,943,066	53,027,456	52.02
West Bengal May, 99	46,832,298	36,013,308	76.90
A and N Islands Dec, 98	231,928	180,805	77.96
Chandigarh April, 99	538,607	381,048	70.75
D and N Haveli March, 99	95,832	67,000	69.91
Daman and Diu Feb. 99	71,931	45,645	63.46
NCT of Delhi Aug., 98	8,364,773	5,705,390	68.21
Lakshadweep Feb., 99	36,738	31,813	86.59
Pondicherry May, 99	665,486	555,675	83.50
ALL INDIA TOTAL	604, 867, 664	376,777,932	62.29

Implementation of Award Given By Board of Arbitrations

1321. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there are instances where the awards given by the Board of Arbitrations have not been implemented so far;

(b) if so, the details of such pending awards alongwith the reasons for their holding up;